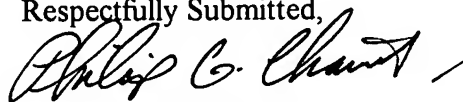


reference has no such horizontal opening. Johnson teaches a soccer goal having an opening on the side, which is required for a soccer goal. In contrast, Claim 15 requires that the opening be maintained in a horizontal manner. This would be totally alien to soccer goals and clearly distinguishes Applicant's device from that of Johnson. Caruso teaches an inflatable structure comprising a cylinder formed of non-elastic material containing an inflatable bladder. However, Caruso discloses a soccer-type goal but makes no suggestion of a goal having a horizontal opening, as required by Applicant's Claim 15.

For the foregoing reasons, each of Claims 15 - 30, as now presented, is believed to be patentable and the Examiner is requested to allow each of Claims 15 - 30 and to pass the case to issue.

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